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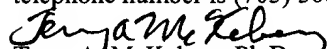
The reply filed on 12/9/02 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): the claims have been amended improperly. For example, the marked up version of claim 1 does not show all of the amendments made to claim 1, such as deletion of parts b) and c) of original claim 1. Proper amendments to the claims, including the correct marked up copy of the claims showing all of the changes, for the claims amended 12/9/02 are required in response to this communication. [It should also be noted that because parts b) and c) of claim 1 have been deleted, then claim 1 no longer should recite the phrase "selected from the group consisting of" because there is no longer a group in the claim.] See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dr. Remy Yucel can be reached on (703) 305-1998.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.


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